

Navy Briefing Card
Death of a Military Sealift Command Civil Service Mariner aboard USNS William McLean
(T-AKE 12)
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Background: [NOT FOR RELEASE]

On 27 June, 51-year-old (b)(6), a Civil Service Mariner (CIVMAR) assigned to USNS WILLIAM MCLEAN (T-AKE 12) as a Boatswain mate, died from injuries suffered in an accident aboard the ship while it was conducting a routine overhaul at Detyens Shipyard, Charleston, South Carolina. The CIVMAR was working aloft when the incident occurred.

Holding Statement:

(b)(6), a 51-year-old Civil Service Mariner assigned to USNS William McLean (T-AKE 12) as a Boatswain mate, died on 27 June at 1111 hours from injuries sustained in a fall while working aloft aboard the ship at Detyens Shipyard in Charleston, S.C. The ship, operated by the U.S. Navy's Military Sealift Command (MSC), is currently undergoing a routine maintenance period. The cause of the accident is under investigation by MSC.

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Q&A:

Q1. What time did the incident occur?

A1. The incident occurred at 1111 hours on 27 June. The incident is currently under investigation and specific facts are being verified. We cannot comment while the investigation is ongoing. Our heartfelt concerns go out to (b)(6) family and the crew of the USNS William McLean.

Q2. What is the name of the Civilian Mariner?

A2. The Civilian Mariner's name is (b)(6); he was 51 years old at the time of his death. His next of kin have all be notified. Per DoD policy, his name can now be released, if asked. Our thoughts and prayers remain with (b)(6) family and fellow crewmembers.

Q3. What was the cause of death?

A3. An investigation is underway; therefore, it would be inappropriate to comment on the specifics of the incident.

Q4. Was the CIVMAR wearing any safety gear?

A4. The incident is still under investigation and specific facts continue to be verified. We cannot comment while the investigation is ongoing.

Enclosure

Q5. What was the CIVMAR's job title?

A5. On 25 June, (b)(6) was promoted to Boatswain mate.

Q6. Where is the CIVMAR's home of record?

Q6. (b)(6) home of record is Guyana.

Q7. How long has the CIVMAR been employed by MSC?

A7. (b)(6) became a CIVMAR with MSC on 16 Nov 2015.

Q8. What kind of repairs was the ship undergoing?

A8. The ship was undergoing a regularly scheduled overhaul at Detyens Shipyard.

Q9. What kind of ship is USNS William McLean?

A9. USNS William McLean is a Lewis and Clark-class dry cargo/ammunition ship which delivers supplies such as ammunition, food, repair parts, stores and small quantities of fuel to customer ships at sea.

Q10. Is the deceased CIVMAR a Detyens employee?

A10. No. (b)(6) was a 51-year-old civil service mariner for the U.S. Navy's Military Sealift Command assigned at the time to USNS William McLean as a Boatswain mate.

CIVMARs are civilian government employees who operate and maintain a wide variety of ships for MSC.

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